

I wish to register my opposition to changing the existing rules on local broadcast station ownership. Given the concentration of ownership in global media today, it makes no sense to encourage this trend. If anything, the laws should be changed to encourage local ownership of MORE media outlets.

The excuse that cable and internet are changing the need for this law makes no sense at all -- sure it is changing, but it does not obviate the need for diversity since the same corporations who would buy up the local stations already own cable and much of the internet.

Neither does the excuse that the broadcast networks need more profits.

The bottom line is that media can manipulate the public mind, and it is thus vital to our freedom that media be as diverse as possible, and to limit the power and influence the mega-corporations.